

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): An EL phosphor multilayer thin film, comprising a phosphor thin film, a dielectric thin film and an underlying structure containing Pb,

wherein the a phosphor thin film and a the dielectric thin film are stacked one upon the another,

the dielectric thin film is present on the underlying structure,

said phosphor thin film comprises a matrix material containing an alkaline earth thioaluminate as a main component and a rare earth element as a luminescent center, and  
said dielectric thin film comprises a perovskite oxide.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the matrix material is a barium thioaluminate.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the rare earth element is Eu.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the ~~alkaline earth~~ perovskite oxide is barium titanate.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the dielectric thin film has a specific dielectric constant of 100 or greater.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the dielectric thin film has a thickness of 100 nm or greater.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): An EL device comprising the EL phosphor multilayer thin film as claimed in Claim 15.

Claim 22 (New): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the dielectric thin film is interposed between the underlying structure and the phosphor thin film.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 15-22 are active in the present application. Claim 15 has been amended to require the presence of an underlying structure containing lead in the claimed EL phosphor multilayer thin film. Support for the amendment to Claim 15 is found in Example 1. Claim 22 is a new claim. Claim 18 has been amended in conformance with Claim 13. Support for the new claim is found on page 6, lines 1-4. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.